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**Subject**: earthquake update/Collegium Ramazzini upcoming events

Dear Fellows and Emeritus Fellows of the Collegium Ramazzini,

As many of you know, the Emilia Romagna region of Italy was hit by a very strong earthquake early Sunday morning. The epicenter of the quake, Finale Emilia, is 40 km from Carpi and 30km from Bentivoglio, headquarters of the General Secretariat. All staff of the Ramazzini Institute and of the Comume di Carpi are safe and well. The Castle of Bentivoglio did not sustain any damage. Colleagues in Carpi report a few new cracks in the Town Hall, damage to the roof of the theater and to a part of the Castle that had not yet been restored (Torrione degli Spagnoli). Other nearby areas however suffered great damage, seven lives were lost and 3.000 people remain out of their homes. It is a very sad week for Italy which also suffered a terrible terrorist attack in a school in Brindisi on Saturday morning. I know many of you feel close ties to Italy after years of membership in the Collegium and we thank you for your well wishes.

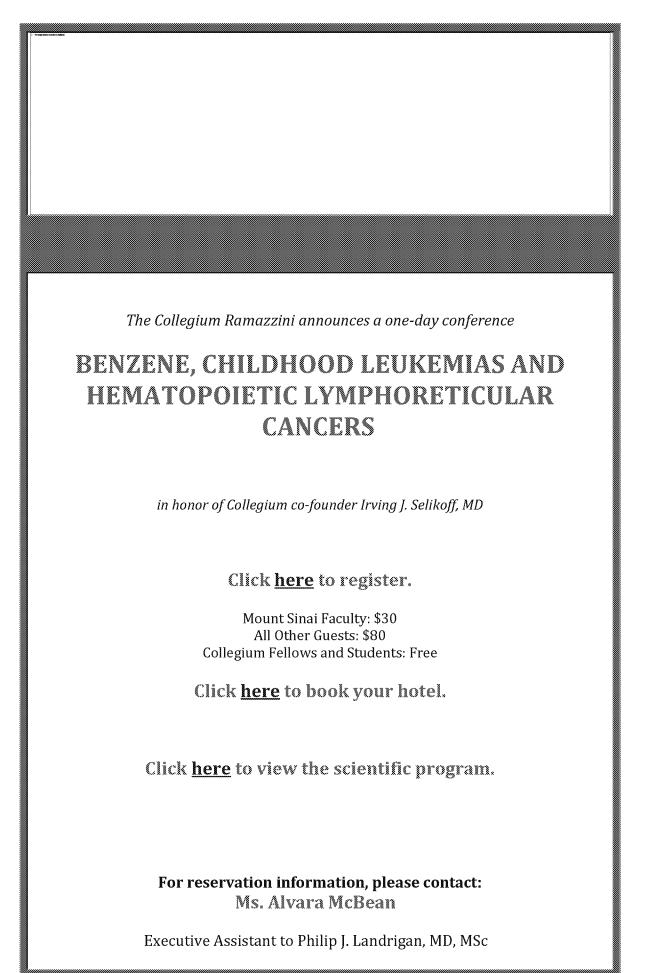
On a separate note, please save the dates for two upcoming Collegium Ramazzini events. The first is a one-day conference on "Benzene, childhood leukemias and hematopoietic lymphoreticular cancers" to be held at the Mt. Sinai School of Medicine in New York on **June 28, 2012**. Online registration is now open, the event is free-of-charge for Fellows of the Collegium. Please see the announcement below with links to the scientific program, registration and hotel information. The second event is the annual Ramazzini Days meeting to be held **October 26-28, 2012** in Carpi, Italy. Online registration for this event will open in mid-July and you will receive a reminder message with additional details as the date approaches. As always, please feel free to contact me with any questions.

kind regards from Bologna,

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